

## **Governance Actions May 2007**

### **The Curriculum**

#### Program actions:

The Board of Regents has approved the Bachelor of Applied Studies degree.

The Board of Regents has approved the proposed major in First Nations Studies.

The Provost has approved Arts Management as a new area of emphasis and renamed the existing area of emphasis known as Communication Arts to Design Arts within Communication and the Arts.

The Provost has approved the renaming of the Communication and the Arts major and minor to Arts and Visual Design.

The Provost has approved Human Resource Management as a new area of emphasis in Business Administration.

#### Course actions:

COA 480 Arts Management Seminar approved by AAC and the Provost.

EDUC 495 Special Topics changed to EDUC 295 approved by Provost.

ENV SCI 491 Senior Thesis/Research in Environmental Science tabled by AAC.

HMONG 101 Introduction to the Hmong Language 1 approved by the AAC.

HUB 198 Explorations of Gender approved by the Provost; approved by the GEC for writing emphasis and NS-2.

HUD 198 The 'burbs: History and Future Life in Suburbia approved by the GEC for writing emphasis and SS-1.

HUD 440 Senior Seminar approved by the Provost.

HUS 283X Special topics: Mass Media in Latin America approved by the GEC for other culture.

HUS 283X Freshman Seminar: Foundations of Western Culture 1 approved by the GEC for H-1 and H-3 and writing emphasis

PHY 420 Advanced Physics Laboratory approved by Provost.

URS 283X Florence: An Urban History approved by the GEC for other culture.

URS 290/490 Career Seminar tabled by AAC.

## **Personnel Practices**

Both the Faculty Senate and the Academic Staff Committee have provided comments on the proposed UW System policy on criminal background checks for new hires as well as on the proposed changes to rules for reporting sick leave.

A proposal to change codified rules for the Personnel Council and the Committee of Six Full Professors is before the Faculty Senate. The proposed change would ask faculty serving on those committees not to participate in personnel reviews at other levels instead of the current recusal procedure.

A joint subcommittee of the University Committee and the Academic Staff Committee is completing a proposal for regularizing evaluations of administrators.

## **Governance Structures and Policies**

The Faculty Senate has voted to eliminate the Student Affairs Committee. Its codified function of serving as a hearing body for appeals on non-resident tuition is being carried out by another committee reporting to the Associate Provost for Student Affairs/Dean of Students.

The Academic Staff Committee reviewed some proposed revisions to the university mission (the select mission). The Faculty Senate did the same and added language on civic engagement. Changes in the mission must be approved by the Board of Regents.